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# Handley

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Our Gifts & Presence Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018

Total Worship.....48  
Total Sunday School.....18

Budget ..... unknown



Sunday Hymn selections from you continue this week!!

## Bruce's Bible Study

This week we want to continue our study of Christian worship----why we do what we do! Last week I started writing about the Protestant Reformation, with some of Martin Luther's contributions---and they were sizable! He wrote about 38 hymns and was that rarity, a good tenor! His best-known hymn is, of course, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," but there are some other splendid ones, too. Of course, he wrote in German, and we have to rely on good translations (and there definitely are some). Before his time, music was mostly a matter of the trained "professionals"--organists, choir, etc., with the congregation often just listening, or joining in with the responses (in Latin), which they knew by memory (many of the poorer church members were illiterate). Of course, as you have noticed, we use anthems and trained professionals, but we also do a lot of congregational singing! Luther, in a sense, was the "father" of this custom. A century and a half after his death, Johann Sebastian Bach used Luther's hymns (and other, later, German hymns) in his superb chorale preludes for organ and for his magnificent church cantatas.

In Switzerland, the original reformer was Huldreich Zwingli (how's that for a name?). He was more radical in his ideas on worship. Sort of like the Church of Christ (which developed 300 years later), he didn't want anything in worship that wasn't in the New Testament, so he had pipe organs removed from the churches under his jurisdiction. We might sum up the attitudes of Luther and Zwingli this way: Zwingli said, "If it's not in the New Testament, let's kick it out." Luther said, "If it's not expressly condemned in the New Testament, let's keep and use it!" I very much agree with Luther, and not only because I'm a musician--he shows that there is progress in history, and that to try to revert totally to the practice of New Testament times is a losing battle, and since my doctoral work was in church history, I applaud Luther's thinking! I think that they have replaced organists in many of "Zwingli's churches" now, but the worship tends to be rather stark; Zwingli followed the thinking of St. Augustine 1100 years earlier; they were both suspicious of anything that might detract from the

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Careful attention to the preaching of the Scriptures, and both of them were suspicious of the beauty of music--that it might do the same thing! Incidentally, one of our church members was in Zurich last Christmas, in Zwingli's main church, the Great Muenster (Minster), and she said that the sanctuary was rather barren, with little of the lovely decorations we so much appreciate at Christmas.

Zwingli was killed in battle with Roman Catholics from other parts of Switzerland (in 1531), and the leadership of the Swiss Reformation passed over to John Calvin, who was in Geneva. I was going to write about him, but we'll have to wait till next week! Like Luther's, his contributions to our way of worship were important. Hopefully, you'll see what I mean next week!

*Bruce*



### Regular Needs for Eastside Community Assistance

*For Families:*

**Canned Fruit Pasta**

*Baby Items:*

**Diapers, Baby Formula**

*Homeless & Family Food:*

**Small Pull-top Meats & Drinks, Canned Fruit, Snacks, Mac & Cheese**

*Clothing Items:*

**Men's Shoes**

**Children's items:**

**including Infant 0-18 mos. Towels & Sheets**

*Feminine Hygiene:*

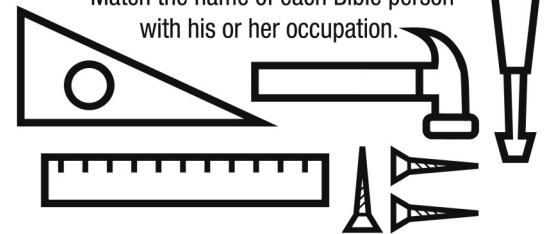
**Pads or Tampons**

*Other Items:*

**Powdered Laundry Soap  
Quart Zip-lock Bags**

# Puzzle!

Match the name of each Bible person with his or her occupation.



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| 1. Nehemiah  | A. soldier       |
| 2. Luke      | B. carpenter     |
| 3. Demetrius | C. cupbearer     |
| 4. Matthew   | D. clothseller   |
| 5. Lydia     | E. fisherman     |
| 6. Joseph    | F. shepherd      |
| 7. Paul      | G. tax collector |
| 8. Cornelius | H. tailor        |
| 9. Tabitha   | I. silversmith   |
| 10. Amos     | J. priest        |
| 11. Eli      | K. tentmaker     |
| 12. Peter    | L. physician     |

Answers: 1. C, 2. L, 3. I, 4. G, 5. D, 6. B, 7. K, 8. A, 9. H, 10. E, 11. J, 12. E



### Coming Soon

We haven't set the date, but please be thinking about bringing nice items or gift baskets for silent bidding. There will be a quilt, too!

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I hope everyone enjoyed a terrific Labor Day weekend/holiday! For those who were out and about, there might have been mixed feelings about the rain that came. It may have messed up some of your plans, but wasn't it wonderful to see??

I have some important news to share with all of you. September 30<sup>th</sup> will be my last Sunday at Handley UMC. It is with a heavy heart that I tell you this, because I have come to love all of you so very much. It is also with great hope that I tell you this, because there are so many possibilities on the horizon for Handley UMC. You have the awesome opportunity to dream a way forward into new ministry!

If I understand things correctly, you will receive an interim pastor for a few months while discussions take place between Trinity UMC and Handley UMC about a potential partnership and what that may look like. During the next few months there will be many discussions and meetings to dream of the possibilities for life and ministry for and with the Handley community. I pray that you dream BIG!! And follow those dreams!

For me, I've been appointed by Bishop Lowry to pastor Bangs and Santa Anna United Methodist Churches. I'm looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that wait for me there. One of the greatest obstacles will be overcoming my direction-challenged brain in a new and unknown environment!

I will miss all of you so much. You have done so much for me over the past 4½ years. You have helped me regain my confidence, my abilities, and particularly, my sense of self. I cannot adequately express how grateful I am to have been blessed to serve such an awesome congregation. It is through God's grace and the strength you have given me that I feel able to move forward into this new journey.

Please know that you will all remain in my prayers as you begin your new journey. I want only great things for all of you and trust that God's will is to create something fantastic at Handley!

Fortunately, we still have a few weeks to share in worship and other activities before I move. I look forward to every moment and will cherish every memory of my time at Handley.

I hope I have the opportunity to say "good-bye" to each of you in person. Please know that you have a piece of my heart.

Blessings,

Rev. Sally A. Fleming

# Handley UMC Events for September 2018

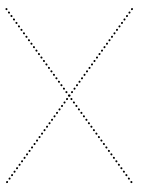
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Th.	Fri.	Sat
<b>2</b> <u>Communion Set-up by Choirs</u> <u>9:30 AM Small Group Gatherings</u> <u>10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service</u>	<b>3</b> <u>No Police Captain's meeting</u> <u>Office Closed for Labor Day</u>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <u>9:00 AM Backpack Buddies</u> <u>12:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday Lunch</u> <u>6:15 PM Bell Choir</u> <u>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</u>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> <hr/> <b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <u>9:30 AM Small Group Gatherings</u> <u>10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service</u>	<b>10</b> <u>6:30 PM Handley Neighborhood Assn</u>	<b>11</b> <u>12:00 PM Mail out News letter</u>	<b>12</b> <u>9:00 AM Backpack Buddies</u> <u>12:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday Lunch</u> <u>6:15 PM Bell Choir</u> <u>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</u>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <u>9:30 AM Small Group Gatherings</u> <u>10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service</u>	<b>17</b> <u>6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting ✓</u> <u>6:30 PM Trustees Meeting (confirm)</u>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <u>9:00 AM Backpack Buddies</u> <u>12:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday Lunch</u> <u>6:15 PM Bell Choir</u> <u>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</u>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <u>9:30 AM Small Group Gatherings</u> <u>10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service</u>	<b>24</b> <u>6:30 PM Friendship Circle</u>	<b>25</b> <u>10:00 AM Grace Circle</u> <u>12:00 PM Mail out News letter &amp; Calendar</u>	<b>26</b> <u>9:00 AM Backpack Buddies</u> <u>12:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday Lunch</u> <u>6:15 PM Bell Choir</u> <u>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</u>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <u>9:30 AM Small Group Gatherings</u> <u>10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service</u> <u>12:00 PM 5th Sunday Lunch &amp; Admin Council</u>	October 1	2	<b>3</b> <u>9:00 AM Backpack Buddies</u> <u>12:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday Lunch</u> <u>6:15 PM Bell Choir</u> <u>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</u>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

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# Handley Happenings

Sept. 3, 2018

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## Handley United Methodist Church

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### Meetings & Events Schedule



**September 5**  
Backpack Buddies  
Wonderful Wednesday Lunch  
Bell Choir starts back up!

**September 10**  
Handley Neighborhood Assoc.

**September 11**  
Mail Out Newsletter

**September 12**  
Backpack Buddies  
Wonderful Wednesday Lunch

**September 17**  
Finance Committee meets  
Trustees (confirm)

**September 19**  
Backpack Buddies  
Wonderful Wednesday Lunch

**September 24**  
Friendship Circle

**September 25**  
Grace Circle  
Mail Out Newsletter  
& Calendar

**September 26**  
Backpack Buddies  
Wonderful Wednesday Lunch

**September 30**  
5th Sunday Lunch  
& Admin Council

### Usher Schedule

09/09—Bill Mann's Group  
09/19—Glenn Estes' Group

### Sunday's Service:

**"Claiming to Have Faith"**  
James 2:1-17

*So faith by itself,*  
**IF IT HAS NO WORKS,**  
*is dead.*



JAMES 2:17, NRSV